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September 18, 2002

CAROLINE BOULENGER \_\_\_\_\_:

Group Art No.: 2822

Serial No. 09/756,997 \_\_\_\_\_:

Examiner: Kenelt Pierre

Filed: January 8, 2001 \_\_\_\_\_:IBM Corporation  
Bldg. 300, Zip 482Title: METHOD FOR ELIMINATING  
DEVELOPMENT RELATED DEFECTS IN  
PHOTORESIST MASKS \_\_\_\_\_:2070 Route 52  
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533**AMENDMENT****FAX COPY RECEIVED**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 06/19/2002, kindly consider the following  
Remarks, and amend the claims as follows:

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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>  |                                       |                                  |                                | Docket No.<br><b>FR919990065</b> |                   |
| Applicant(s): <b>Caroline Boulenger</b>   |                                       |                                  |                                |                                  |                   |
| Serial No.<br><b>09/756,997</b>   | Filing Date<br><b>January 8, 2001</b> | Examiner<br><b>Kenelt Pierre</b> | Group Art Unit<br><b>2822</b>  |                                  |                   |
| Invention: <b>Method for Eliminating Development Related Defects in Photoresist Masks</b>   |                                       |                                  |                                |                                  |                   |
| <u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>   |                                       |                                  |                                |                                  |                   |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.<br>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |                                       |                                  |                                |                                  |                   |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>  |                                       |                                  |                                |                                  |                   |
|   | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT   | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR      | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE                             | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 11 -                                  | 20 =                             | 0 x                            | <b>\$18.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>     |
| INDEP. CLAIMS   | 3 -                                   | 4 =                              | 0 x                            | <b>\$84.00</b>                   | <b>\$0.00</b>     |
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